

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-18 (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) An isolated polynucleotide, comprising SEQ ID NO: 2.

20. (Currently Amended) A vector, comprising the polynucleotide of ~~according to~~ Claim 19.

21. (Currently Amended) A host bacterium, comprising the polynucleotide ~~according to~~ of Claim 19.

22. (Currently Amended) A plant cell, comprising the polynucleotide ~~according to~~ of Claim 19.

23. (Currently Amended) A seed, comprising the polynucleotide of ~~according to~~ Claim 19.

24. (Currently Amended) A plant, comprising the polynucleotide of ~~according to~~ Claim 19.

25. (Currently Amended) A plant cell, comprising the vector of ~~according to~~ Claim 20.

26. (Currently Amended): A plant, regenerated from the plant cell of ~~according to~~ Claim 22.

27. (Currently Amended): A seed, ~~wherein the seed is obtained by harvesting said seed from the plant according to Claim 24~~ obtained from a plant which comprises the polynucleotide of Claim 19,

wherein said seed comprises the polynucleotide of Claim 19.

28. (Currently Amended): A plant cell ~~obtained by transforming said cell with the host bacterium according to Claim 21~~ transformed by a host bacterium comprising the polynucleotide of Claim 19,
wherein said plant cell comprises the polynucleotide of Claim 19.

29. (Currently Amended): A plant ~~, regenerated from the plant cell according to Claim 28~~ regenerated from a plant cell transformed by a host bacterium comprising the polynucleotide of Claim 19,
wherein said plant comprises the polynucleotide of Claim 19.

30. (Currently Amended): A seed obtained from a plant regenerated from a plant cell transformed by a host bacterium comprising the polynucleotide of Claim 19,
wherein said seed comprises the polynucleotide of Claim 19
~~, obtained from the plant according to Claim 29.~~

31. (New): An isolated polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO: 1 or a fragment of SEQ ID NO: 1 that exhibits a promoter function in a plant or a plant cell, wherein said promoter function is characterized by an ability to direct an RNA polymerase to initiate transcription.

32. (New): A vector comprising the isolated polynucleotide of Claim 31.

33. (New): A host cell comprising the isolated polynucleotide of Claim 31.

34. (New): A plant comprising the isolated polynucleotide of Claim 31.

35. (New): A seed comprising the isolated polynucleotide of Claim 31.